

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Vineland was held in the Board Room, 625 Plum Street, Vineland, New Jersey, Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 6:33 p.m., pursuant to notice with Mr. Franceschini presiding and the following members present: Mr. DeWinne, Mr. English, Mr. Fanucci, Dr. Mounier, Mrs. Phillips, Ms. Rios, and Mr. Ulrich. Absent: Mr. DiGiorgio.

Also present: Dr. Banks, Superintendent, Dr. Gruccio and Mrs. Elliott, Assistant Superintendents, Mr. Franchetta, Board Secretary, Mr. DeSanto, Solicitor, Ms. Greenfield, Executive Director of Personnel, Mrs. Polof, Special Education Director, press and public. Absent: None.

Mr. Franceschini announced that in compliance with the New Jersey meeting law commonly referred to as "The Sunshine Law," the Vineland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting.

Flag Salute:

Special Presentation(s): None.

Mr. Franceschini asked for a moment of silence for Board Member, Frank DiGiorgios father, Francesco DiGiorgio, who passed away this week.

Approval of Minutes: Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the Board approved the minutes from July 7, 2010 and July 14, 2010. All Members voted "yes."

Report of the
Secretary/Custodian
Of School Monies:

Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Mr. Rios, the reports of the Secretary and Custodian of School Monies for the month of June 2010, which are in agreement were approved as submitted and on file in the Minute Book, and the Board approved its monthly certification of budgetary major account fund status and the Board Secretary's monthly certification as on file with the Secretary. All Members voted "yes."

Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, a Certificate of Deposit was opened at Century Savings Bank on July 9, 2010 for 6 months at a 1.050% interest rate in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. All Members voted "yes."

Solicitor's Report: Mr. DeSanto said there is a matter that he will discuss later.

Public Comment on
Agenda Items: None.

Recommendations:

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A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

It is recommended that:

1. The Board approve personnel items in accordance with the lists provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

Dr. Banks congratulated and introduced Jeff DuBois the new math supervisor and new assistant principal, Eric Reissek.

All Members voted “yes” except Dr. Mounier who voted “yes” on all items except transfer lines 25, 13, 15, 51 and summer guidance 1 and 2 he voted “no”. (8-0-0)

2. The Board approve the hourly rates for substitute personnel for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

All Members voted “yes.” (8-0-0)

3. The Board approve budgetary transfers in accordance with the list provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:

- a. General Fund
- b. ARRA

All Members voted “yes.” (8-0-0)

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4. The Board approve submission of the following grant(s) as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board:

State of New Jersey Department of
 Labor & Workforce Development
 New Jersey Youth Corp
 July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 \$400,000.00

All Members
 voted "yes."
 (8-0-0)

5. The Board accept funding in the following amount(s):

- a. Vineland Municipal Alliance Program
 January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010
 In the amount of \$6,250.00
- b. Cumberland County Office of
 Employment and Training
 Workforce Learning Link
 Vineland Adult Education Program
 February 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010
 In the amount of \$24,000.00
- c. Cumberland County Office of
 Employment and Training
 Job Search Assistance Program
 Vineland Adult Education Program
 January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010
 In the amount of \$63,400.00
- d. State of New Jersey Department of
 Labor & Workforce Development
 Consolidated Adult Basic Skills and
 Integrated English Literacy Civics
 Education Grant
 Vineland Evening Continuing Education Pgm
 July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
 In the amount of \$114,200.00

All Members
 voted "yes."
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6. Bids:

a) The Board approve the following Extraordinary Unspecified (EUS) contracts in the amount to exceed \$36,000 in accordance with 18A:18A-5a(2):

1. Teacher Training

- a. Childrens Literacy Initiative
- b. Scholastic (Read 180)

2. Special Education Consultants

- a. VBN – Verbal Behavior Network Training
- b. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- c. Bancroft CARES program
- d. Dr. Buzz Mingin
- e. Clarke School

b) The Board acknowledge receipt of bids as provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board and award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the following item in the amount shown:

VHS South Life Skills Suite Renovations

Award:

Capri Construction Company, Inc.

4266 Post Road

Vineland, NJ 08360

In the amount of \$536,000.00

c) The Board approve an Extraordinary Unspecified Service (EUS) contract to Tozour Energy Services of King of Prussia, PA to provide consulting services relating to solar power in an amount that may exceed \$36,000 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(2).

Mr. DeWinne asked if the expenditure items are cleaned up before the year is closed out. Mr. Franchetta explained that we have 90 days to liquidate encumbrances to close out the year.

All Members voted “yes” except for Dr. Mounier who voted “yes” on all bids except for 2d. he voted “no.” (8-0-0)

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10. The Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement for the 2009-2010 school with Cumberland County Educational Cooperative Route 66902AM.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

11. The Board approve a contract with Bayada nurses in accordance with the form approved by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) in the following amount:

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

One (1) LPN @ \$39/hour
 Approximately 220 days @ 7hours per day
 In the amount of \$60,060.00

12. The Board approve the Agreement between Little Smiles New Jersey, P.C. and the Vineland Board of Education for the period of September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 to provide dental services to the students of Vineland Public Schools.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

13. The Board approve an Agreement with Community Health Care, Inc. to provide dental services to students of Vineland Public Schools from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in accordance with the contract on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

14. The Board approve the tuition contract with Gloucester County Vocational Technical School district for the Southern New Jersey Academy of Performing Arts for the 2010-2011 school year.

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

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15. The Board approve payment in the amount of \$350 to an employee whose name is on file with the Secretary of the Board for legal fees that were provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6.1.

All Members voted "yes" except Mr. Ulrich who "abstained." (7-0-1)

16. The Board approve the new and/or revised curricula:

All Members voted "yes." (8-0-0)

NEW:

Math Advanced Algebra I (9th Grade)
 Advanced Algebra II (11th & 12th Grade)
 Advanced Geometry (10th & 11th Grade)

English Advanced College English 1,2,3,4
 Read 180 – Elementary, Middle and High School

REVISED:

Social Studies 3rd Grade Social Studies
 4th Grade Social Studies
 5th Grade Social Studies

Art 6th Grade Art
 7th Grade Art
 8th Grade Art

Mr. Franceschini asked for an explanation on Read 180. Dr. Banks said that is part of our intervention program that addresses basic reading skills.

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17. The Board approve the review of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and/or No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 9, 2010 and approve and direct the Secretary to the Board to implement each of the recommendations contained in the review in accordance with the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which is provided and on file with the Secretary of the Board.

All Members voted “yes.”
 (8-0-0)

18. The Board approve the sub-lease between the Vineland Board of Education (sublessor) and the Vineland Public Charter School (sublessee) for the rental of the Adult Education building for the period of August 12, 2010 to June 30, 2013 in a form of sub-lease acceptable by the Board Solicitor and the Superintendent of Schools

All Members voted “yes” except Dr. Mounier who voted “no.”
 (7-1-0)

Mr. DeSanto said in early August he circulated to the board a copy of a proposed sub-lease for the former Adult Center to the Vineland Charter School. He also distributed a copy of a memorandum from the Charter School’s attorney dated July 29 with certain comments. Mr. DeSanto said through a number of discussions a revised sub-lease was sent to their attorney with a memorandum from him on certain items that we could not agree upon. He said we could not agree to the Charter School’s request for less insurance and a less stringent indemnification then we are obligated to the city for. Mr. DeSanto said it was brought to his attention that the Charter School regulations do not allow a landlord to accelerate the rent on a Charter School and allows them to terminate a lease in the event that they no longer have their Charter either by cancellation, non- renewal or suspension.

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Mr. DeSanto said certain changes will have to be made to the sub-lease and he reviewed the changes that are currently proposed to be in place.

Mr. DeWinne asked if we choose to renew the lease of this building with the city and need the space will we have it. Mr. DeSanto said yes the city built the school for the school district. Mr. DeWinne asked if the first month's rent will be pro-rated by days. Mr. DeSanto said yes it will be pro-rated.

Mr. Fanucci asked if it was customary in situations like this not to require a security deposit. Mr. DeSanto said it is not customary and because of whom it is the security deposit would be meaningless. Mr. Fanucci asked if the Charter School is considered a for-profit entity. Mr. DeSanto said they are non-profit because they are a school district.

Mr. Ulrich asked if any considerations were given to who was going to supply the security for that building. Mr. DeSanto said no. Mr. Fanucci said that is a valid question and we should ask the Charter School what their plan is for security staff. Mr. DeSanto said he will see what their intentions are. Mr. Ulrich said his concerns are egress into the school and entryway into Sabater. Dr. Banks said the Adult Center is not connected to Sabater School.

Mr. DeSanto said the Charter School is anxious to start the transition to the building tomorrow. In his opinion 95% of the lease they are in agreement with. Mr. DeSanto asked if the board would consider approving the lease subject to a final form approved by the superintendent and board solicitor.

Mr. Ulrich expressed his concern that the school complex is currently overburdened with parking and buses. He asked how this will all work. Mr. Franchetta said the buses would enter from Montrose Street.

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Mr. DeWinne asked if we have any language in the lease that allows us to inspect the property to make sure that the property is being maintained. Mr. DeSanto said yes this is unusual because we are doing so much of the maintenance that Mr. Weaver’s workers will be there routinely.

Mr. DeWinne voted “yes” and thinks it is a good move by the district and all those involved in allowing us to save some money.

Dr. Mounier voted “no” because there are too many unsettling issues.

B. Proposed for review or discussion or adoption by Board Members: None.

Approval of Bills: Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the bills were approved and warrants issued for same. All Members voted “yes” (\$5,891,775.16).

Mr. DeWinne said last week in asked a question about the K-12 fee. Mr. Franchetta said that he sent an email to Dr. Banks explaining the fee. He said the amount of the check was the exact amount the board approved for Keystone at the June board meeting.

Emergent Item(s)
(with prior approval) None.

Public: Lee Burke, Vineland Resident
Mr. Burke wished everyone a good upcoming school year. He mentioned that in Ocean City the entire board is on the Finance Committee and feels there are advantages to doing this. Mr. Burke hopes this would be considered in Vineland. He expressed his concern in regards to an attitude that seems to be coming up by the board in the second guessing of professional staff. Mr. Burke said he looks forward to the informal round tables with the public that Dr. Banks has agreed to have.

Dr. Banks thanked Mr. Burke and looks forward to working with him on the round table.

Gary Stanker, Charter School Board President
Mr. Stanker thanked Mr. DeSanto for all of his help and the board for their vote tonight.

Committee Reports: Mrs. Phillips said discussed at tonight’s Curriculum & Technology Committee meeting was the Clarke School. Mrs. Polof attended the meeting and explained that this school is connected to Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP). The program is for children three to five years of age who have cochlear implants and hearing aids. It is an intense program that gets the child ready for regular kindergarten classes without an interpreter.

Ms. Rios said discussed at the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting was the Solar Panel RFP Process, Life Skills Room, Landis School Fire Alarm issues, Veterans Memorial School gym floor, VHS South Track and the Facilities Maintenance Department summer projects update. Today she went to the Spanish radio station with Nancee Bleistine to discuss the qualifications and registration process for Vineland's preschool program. Ms. Rios said she was given one hour of radio time next week for anything the district would like to discuss with the Hispanic community prior to September. She said there were a lot of phone calls in regards to the transportation/registration department. Ms. Rios said the radio station also brought to her attention the importance of school closings or delays being announced on the Spanish radio station.

Mr. DeSanto said hopefully there will be a recommendation for an award on the track bid next week so it can be voted on at the August 25 special board meeting.

Mr. DeWinne said we are trying to get outside companies to invest money for solar equipment solutions on our school property. He said the benefit to them would be the tax credits they would receive. Mr. DeWinne said we believe there will be a number of companies putting in bids for this and we will be buying energy at a reduced cost.

Mr. Fanucci thanked our committee as well as our board for being so progressive on solar equipment solutions because this is the way of the future. He said the heads of our local utility were very helpful in guiding us along in finding the proper consultant to do this.

Report/Remarks by
Board President:

Mr. DeWinne said in response to Mr. Burke's comments about the Ocean City Board's Finance Committee he would like to see the Finance Committee meetings open to the public.

Dr. Mounier said he is not certain as to whom Mr. Burke was addressing his comments to in regards to ethics and the conduct of members of this board but he was elected to try to improve the condition of things in this district. He said when he poses questions it is because he needs answers.

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Dr. Mounier said when he makes comments or observations it is because he wants to call attention to a matter that he believes is important and this cannot be characterized as micromanagement. He does not see any value in fault finding for its own sake. Dr. Mounier said his criticisms are to probe and improve things. He said to do not confuse his manner of speaking or interacting with people with disrespect. Dr. Mounier said there is nothing personal in anything that he said or has done from this seat with respect to his questions and comments. He said it is his duty to be up here and to discharge his duty as God has given him the light to see that duty. Dr. Mounier said he intends to continue pursuing it unapologetically.

Mrs. Phillips wished all the staff members a great school opening. She gave a special thank you to the elementary teachers who she knows are in their classrooms setting up without being paid.

Ms. Rios complimented Mr. Burke on his suggestions, ideas and comments. She said it is a pleasure having him at the board meetings and hearing his words of wisdom.

Mr. English said a nice presentation was given on the revised curriculum last week by Dr. Gruccio. He stills struggles with no curriculum for those students who will not be attending college. Mr. English feels some students are falling through the cracks because they are intimidated by the word “college.” He said there are so many other options and feels we should focus more on those options. Mr. English said the trade options out there are huge if you want to go down that avenue. He feels the district should push more towards the vo-tech aspect because it is ok not to go to college. Mr. English said the rumor is that the morale is down in the schools and he does not want to see morale effect student achievement. He said the ultimate goal is communication. Mr. English said that he received an email presentation from Mrs. Polof that answered his questions and saved him hours and hours of reading.

Mr. Fanucci thanked the staff for a great job done over the summer. He said the Finance Committee will convene in September. Mr. Fanucci said his thoughts and prayers are with the DiGiorgio family.

Mr. Ulrich said our new educational leaders will have an impact on our district for many years to come. He said it is a challenge in today’s environment to do more with less.

Mr. Ulrich said the educational leaders at each school have an obligation to try their best and the board has an obligation to supply them the resources to accomplish our educational needs. He thanked and wished the best of luck to these individuals who have aspired to become leaders in our district and community.

Dr. Banks said in regards to Mr. English's concern regarding vocational education she wanted to invite him to join the Curriculum & Technology Committee. She thinks Mr. English would gain a bigger understanding of what the curriculum does cover in the district and would get a lot of his questions answered.

Board Member

Remarks:

Mr. Franceschini said the district is a huge ship that is turning in another direction thanks to the board, staff and superintendent. He said the board and district are committed and he is really excited about the school year. Mr. Franceschini wished Ms. Rios the best of luck and a speedy recovery on the birth of her child.

Resolution:

Mr. Franchetta read a resolution to recess into executive session on **Tuesday, August 17, 2010, Wednesday, August 25, 2010** and **Wednesday, September 1, 2010** regarding budget issues, personnel matters, student disciplinary/residency issues and/or contract negotiations.

Motion:

Upon motion by Mr. Fanucci, seconded by Ms. Rios, the resolution was passed. All Members voted "yes".

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin J. Franchetta, CPA
Board Secretary